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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a preliminary amendment to US 18024, filed herewith, which is the US National Phase of the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/13192, filed on December 22, 2000, and claiming priority to European Patent Application 99204566.6 filed on December 28, 1999.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6 and ending at line 10, with the following paragraph:

--A and B are selected from sulfur (S), oxygen (O) and CR⁹, R⁹ being selected from hydrogen, a C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₃-C₂₀-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, C₇-C₂₀-alkylaryl, C₇-C₂₀-arylalkyl radical, optionally containing heteroatoms belonging to groups 13 or 15-17

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